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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SOVIET FUELING FACILITIES IN MADEIRAS

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1. EMBASSY CONTACT IN WIESE E CIA., LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT, PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN REQUEST FOR SOVIET FUELING FACILITIES IN MADEIRAS (REFTEL (A)). HE NOW TELLS US THAT HE WAS IN ERROR, AND THAT WIESE DID MAKE REQUEST IN AUGUST 1974 TO PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT. THE SUBJECT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN DORMANT SINCE THAT TIME.

2. HE SAYS THAT COMPANY WAS CONTACTED BY SOVIET SHIPPING OFFICE IN LONDON, WHO ASKED IT TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO BUY LAND AND INSTALL TWO OIL TANKS. THE SOVIETS POINTED OUT THAT THEY ALREADY HAD A FUELING FACILITY IN THE CANARIES, TO SERVE SOME 200 SHIP CALLS A YEAR. WITH FACILITIES IN THE MADEIRAS, THEY COULD DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF CALLS IN THIS AREA.

3. MARCH 19 O SECULO, UNDER HEADLINE "FACILITIES IN MADEIRA FOR USSR NAVY" (ALTHOUGH TEXT MAKES CLEAR FACILITIES ARE FOR MERCHANT MARINE, NOT NAVY), QUOTED REUTERS DISPATCH FROM LONDON SAYING BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE HAS DENIED MAKING ANY INVESTIGATIONS OF MATTER. IT ALSO QUOTED OFFICIAL OF BRITISH EMBASSY HERE AS SAYING THERE WERE NO PLANS TO MAKE A REPRESENTATION TO PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALTHOUGH "AS MEMBERS OF NATO, WE ARE NATURALLY INTERESTED."

4. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF ABOVE INFORMATION.

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